

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MAME REILEY

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a longtime Virginia resident and dear friend, Ms. Mame Reiley, whose decades-long service to the Democratic Party and local non-profit institutions has had such a positive impact on people's lives both locally and nationally.

In 1989, Mame was the one who convinced me to run for Congress. Because of her legendary ability to make people see the art of the possible, and my confidence in her timing and instincts, we took on a tough race, beating the odds. She served as my Chief of Staff for the next six years, ably guiding me to some major policy successes and a coveted seat on the Appropriations Committee in only my second term.

Mame fell in love with politics as a youngster, cheering Jack Kennedy on to his historic Presidential election and playing a significant role in college for his brother Ted's run. In the years following, she has become a force within the Party, chairing the Women's Caucus for the DNC, and having played a major role in the career of virtually every major Virginia Democrat from Doug Wilder to Tim Kaine. Among her many positions she's held over the years: running inaugural activities for Governor Mark Warner, serving as political director of his PAC, One Virginia, serving as senior advisor to Governor Tim Kaine, and directing my brother Brian's gubernatorial run.

Mame's skill, knowhow, and hard work led Governor Warner to appoint her to the Board of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) in 2002. While on the MWAA Board, she quickly gained the respect of her peers, rising to the position of Chairman of the Board, and the Board's prestigious Dulles Corridor Committee. Her efforts helped pave the way for Rail to Dulles, the largest expansion of the Metro rail system since it was created.

Commitment to public service and the Democratic Party has been the theme of her life's work. Mame's involvement with the DNC and other influential local organizations continues to this day. In 1992, she was elected to the DNC from Virginia. Since that time, she has risen to Chair the Women's Caucus and serves on the DNC's Executive Committee and its highly influential Rules and Bylaws Committee. She is also a member of the Economic Club of Washington and the Federal City Council Executive Committee. In her spare time, Mame has continued to operate the Reiley Group, a well-known public relations and event planning firm.

Mame has garnered the respect of countless individuals and admirers. She is a force to be reckoned with, her honesty and advice frequently sought-out, and if you're in a fox-hole, she's the person you want next to you, protecting your back and bringing levity to even the toughest situation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the contributions and accomplishments of my long time friend and mentor, Mame Reiley.

RECOGNIZING THE MONTFORD POINT MARINES FOR RECEIVING THE CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

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Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Montford Point Marines for their selfless service to our country and for their fortitude in the face of social turmoil. This group of warriors forever remains a testament to the American ideals of bravery, patriotism, and liberty.

Through the courageous efforts of civil rights activists and President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 8802, race restrictions on the defense industry were eliminated during the buildup of World War II. And in 1941, African Americans wanting to serve their country were given the right to do so.

Though still facing adversity in segregated camps, these brave soldiers answered the call to arms without hesitation and trained to become United States Marines at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Between 1942 and 1949, more than 20,000 men were recruited and enlisted at Montford Point. These Marines would steadfastly serve our country during a time of great social unrest. The example they set and the legacy they left at Montford Point inspired countless future Marines and inspires us all today.

President Truman's signing of an executive order in 1949 desegregating the military is surely a direct reflection of these Marines' role as trailblazers of racial equality. The sacrifice of the Montford Point Marines represented a pivotal step forward for our country and they deserve our utmost respect and admiration.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in saluting the Montford Point Marines as they receive the Congressional Gold Medal commemorating their timeless example of valor and American heroism.

HONORING BONNIE LEMOINE

HON. RODNEY ALEXANDER

OF LOUISIANA

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Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I have the opportunity to recognize the remarkable 34-year career of Bonnie Lemoine, Procter & Gamble (P&G) External Relations Leader.

Bonnie was born and raised in Central Louisiana and has dedicated her career and life to

the Pineville/Alexandria area. Throughout her career, Bonnie has worked tirelessly to make Louisiana an attractive place to do business and a great place to live.

In addition to her job at P&G, Bonnie served as chair and board member of the Central Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, Chair and executive board member of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, board member of Central Louisiana Economic Development Alliance and Tioga Historical Museum, member of North Rapides Business Alliance and Local Water Board Commissioner, and many others.

Throughout the years, Bonnie has received numerous awards, including: Lantern Award, Intercity Economic Development Award, Cypress Award, Better Business Award and P&G Recognition Shares.

I offer the following testament to Bonnie's kind-hearted and altruistic nature. After Hurricane Katrina, P&G's Folgers Coffee Manufacturing Plant, in New Orleans, was completely flooded as well as many of the employees' homes. Bonnie immediately went into action. She asked employees in the P&G Pineville, LA plant if they would open their homes to the P&G Folgers families displaced by the floods. Everyone needing a roof over their heads was accommodated. Once this was achieved, Bonnie started working to get the plant up and running again. Within weeks, there were 125 FEMA trailers on-site for employees to reside, and power had been restored to the site. The Folgers plant was one of the first manufacturing plants in the area to resume production. It even received a visit from President Bush as he personally recognized the incredible efforts to help employees and their families and get the plant up and running in record time.

Bonnie has earned the respect and admiration of everyone she has met along her journey. It is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Bonnie Lemoine on an exemplary career as she celebrates her retirement. I thank her for her service to our community and wish her the best in her future endeavors.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION SAFETY AND INNOVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 3187, as amended, the Food and Drug Administration Safety and Innovation Act.

I am proud to represent many of the hard working employees at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and this legislation provides them with the resources to fulfill FDA's mission to protect and advance public health and safety. This bipartisan legislation enables FDA to review drugs and medical devices in a

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